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Honorable Barry Goldwater
6250 North Hogahn Drive
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Dear Barry:

I appreciate your thoughtful invitation to me to become associated with the National Historical Intelligence Museum. I asked my staff to study the proper role of the DCI in such a private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization, as other directors have done. DCI Bush in 1977 and DCI Turner in 1979 declined to participate as did DCI Casey in February 1984, although he did testify in support of the concept before your committee in November 1983. DCI Casey reasoned that his assistance beyond his support at the SSCI hearing would be misconstrued as official involvement, would not, in the long run, be in the Agency's best interests nor the museum's. I share that view and thus must reluctantly decline your gracious offer.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

Barry will help in any appropriate way that we can

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